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In re Patent Application of Villoo Morawala PATELL et al.	
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/868,025	Docket No.: 145865.00005
Filed: October 11, 2000	
For: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE CONFERRING SALT TOLERANCE IN RICE PLANT	

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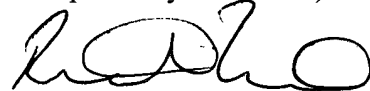
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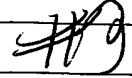


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